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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the above-titled International patent application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel existing claims 1-41 as filed without prejudice and add new claims 42-77 as follows:

42. A deformable pad for removably securing an ostomy bag to the skin of a patient having a plastics film bonded to an adhesive material, and an opening for